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Aerobathon Was a Hit!



Around 150 people packed the Casa Loma gym for excellent aerobics, boxercise and cool prizes!

Aerobathon Action

by Sabrina Denomme

Things never slow down in the GBC Athletics department. Students are just arriving back from a week's rest to find that everything is still running faster than ever. Several teams have already started to register for the November intramurals. If you are interested in playing either ball hockey or badminton, register at the Athletics office on your campus. Games are run during your available time and are a great way to meet people with interests similar to your own. Come and burn off some of the exam stress with a burst of physical activity! It is free to join so what are you waiting for?

Aerobathon '99 was a huge success. On October 20,

approximately one hundred and fifty people invaded the Casa Loma gymnasium to sweat up a storm. For four hours, participants followed commands shouted by eager instructors. Natasha dazzled the crowd in the opening set with her cat print outfit and Carmen kept everyone going in the second set with her upbeat bursts of cheer. Set 3 was lead by two instructors from Adidas who were extremely impressed with the overwhelming enthusiasm of the crowd. Moreover, who could forget Paul, who led everyone in a 45-minute session of boxercise.

Everyone who participated left with at least one of the many prizes provided by our sponsors. The day was a great success with a grand total of \$8202 raised. Prizes were awarded, based on the amount
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Going for an Interview

by Scott Stratten

One of the most frequently asked questions I get when talking to a group of

students is, "What's the correct answer to this question?", which I can only respond to with a smile. People are trained through high school and college/university to say certain answers and to already know what the interviewer wants to hear before the question is asked. If this were true, then the interview need not to ask a single question. The applicant should simply read off their sheet of prepared answers to the questions they already know will be asked. On second

thought, why not cut out the entire interview in the first place and simply send in an audiotape entitled, "The answers I know you want to hear". It would save time and man-hours!

The reason being, you don't



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know what the interviewer wants to hear, unless you listen to this: **YOUR ANSWER.** Not someone else's, not a text book quote, but what you actually think of the question. I have heard the comment, "But, what if my answer is not what the interviewer is looking for?" Well then, you might not be the right person for the job, but better to find out now, rather
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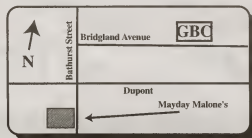
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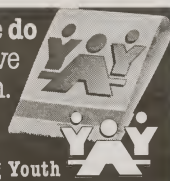
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the view from here

by Allan Stokell

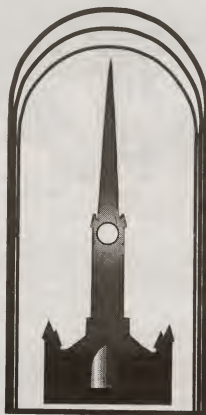
as you read this, I will be enjoying a Cornish pastie in Cornwall, or maybe a cream tea in Devon. I might be having a pint of a wicked cider called "Scrumpt", or even a Real Ale. Regardless, I'll be in the south of England doing something I do every few years; visiting cathedrals.

When I first started writing *The View From Here*, we came up with a logo that showed St. James cathedral surrounded by an archway because that was actually the view from the Dialog Collective office window. Now we look out over a noisy construction site, but I continue to write the column and the logo has yet another meaning.

I guess it's time to come out of the ecumenical closet. I'm an Anglican. Anglicans are members of a Christian church whose origins are based with the Church of England. We are now part of a world wide communion that includes some seventy-five million souls. Today the largest member churches are based in Africa, prompting the Toronto Star recently describe the Anglican church as an African-based religion.

When people learn that I am active in my church, they cannot believe it. "You're too smart!" they say, or "You don't seem the type." Well, I'm an Anglican for some very pragmatic reasons. My father's family was Baptist. My mother's Church of England. In my youth I tried out both, much like my son, Edan does today. He attends a Roman Catholic school where his mother works and comes to our Anglican church on Sundays. I left my churches in the late sixties, for some twenty years. In those days religion had little meaning to me. I spent two decades in the wilderness looking for something of meaning. I resumed my faith eight years ago as an Anglican.

Now before you start thinking that



a. I'm a Bible thumper
b. I'm a fundamentalist-damning-you-to-Hell or
c. a goody two-shoes wanting

everything to be prim and proper, let me tell you about my personal ministry. I do my job to the best of my ability. I enjoy waking up every morning and I love to meet new people and learn new things every day. I do not preach Monday through Saturday. I do not look down at people and whisper "sinner". My faith is merely how I live my life. You can live your life any way you wish. To the best of my ability, I stick to the pragmatic

teachings of the Old Testament. I kind see it like the Farmers Almanac. Good, practical advice. Don't lie, steal, cheat or murder. Plant your crops when the almanac says, and you will have an

abundant harvest. I see Jesus of Nazareth as an important rabbi or teacher. Someone whose teachings cut through the events of two centuries and talks directly to me. I'm just like you, and I like to help out when I can. I volunteer for the Food Bank, help the homeless and am always ready to listen when a friend needs me.

It wasn't until a few years ago, when my son was born that I came to the realisation that I would like him to ascribe to the values that I learned from my family. Looking into the eyes of a child sure helps you focus on the stuff you believe important enough to pass on to the next generation. I'm not just thinking of "honour your father and your mother" here, I'm concerned with ethical issues. My faith is something very personal. It is part of the reason I am here.

Every so often I need a recharge, so a friend and I go off to tour cathedrals...and pubs. It seems wherever you go in England, if you find a cathedral or even a humble parish church, there is always a pub nearby. Good thing. All that praying makes me thirsty. Cheers!

Aerobathon, Basketball and Soccer Action

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of money collected, to the top fitness class (1B), top varsity team (women's soccer), and top individual (Laurie Campbell). The athletics department would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this day a huge success.

Varsity Updates

Men's Basketball

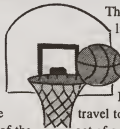
The Men's Basketball team went undefeated in league play in '98/99 and are hoping to maintain that record again this year. In early action, the men have played like a pack of wild dogs, willing to take a bite out of anything that gets between them and a winning season.

In mid-October, the team traveled to Durham for a two-day tournament. The men played strongly in their first game against Loyalist and won 64-60. The win sent them to the Championship bracket of the tournament. On the second day of the tournament, the men were set to play Royal Military. The Huskies made their presence felt by beating their opponent by 20 points with a final score of 78-58. The victory earned them a place in the championship game against Fanshawe.

The Huskies were ready to play and

win but the Falcons had another plan. The men held the game close until the last quarter when the Falcons took off with the win. The final score was 86-74. Although not all was a loss, Roger Nurse and Dion Horsford took home All-Star honors due to their play throughout the entire tournament. Willie Delas, the team's coach said, "We have a very talented team but we still have some kinks to iron out." The men have a long run of home games coming up and want to invite everyone to attend and cheer them on. Up-Coming Games: November 3 vs. U of T @ 7:30, November 5 vs. Point Park @ 6:30, November 10 vs. Seneca @ 8:00, and November 12 vs. Alumni @ 8:30.

Women's Basketball



The ladies started the year a little bit on the shaky side but with a few practices and a couple of games, they are starting to come together. Maybe it was the chance to travel together, the Barrie air, or an act of a greater power but the ladies showed up ready to play in the October 15 and 16 Georgian Fall Classic.

On Friday, they took on the host of the tournament, Georgian. "They played excellent at both ends of the court," says Coach Mike Pink. The ladies won the game 73-63. The win meant the

team would have to be up early in the morning to take on Durham. A 9:30 start did nothing to deter the ladies from playing their best and winning 57-53.

Later that afternoon, they took on Mohawk. The game was very close but the ladies unfortunately lost by five points to the team that would eventually win the tournament. George Brown left the tournament with a third-place finish.

Mike Pink had this to say about his team's play. "Despite the third-place finish, I am convinced that the tournament helped us to build as a team and in the future we will only get better." Catch the women in action on November 10 when they take on Seneca at 6:00, and November 12 when they play at 6:30 against Niagara.

Soccer Teams Travel to Jamestown, N.Y.

Talk about a road trip! On October 15, both soccer teams traveled to Jamestown, N.Y. Although it was near the end of the season for each team, it was a good chance for them to play a team outside of their league. It was a winning weekend on foreign soil, which saw both teams returning to Canada with a win under their belts. The women played excellently against a strong American team. Good

communication on the field helped to produce a 3-0 win. The men displayed an arsenal of skills when they beat Jamestown 4-1.

With one game to follow the road trip, the 1999 season came to an end. The men completed the season with 4 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties. The guys were in a tough division against Humber, Mohawk and Redeemer. The men were competitive, but unfortunately just fell short of making the playoffs. The women were also in the same situation, classed with the same teams. Even though the women failed to make the playoffs, they had several very close games. The team contains a lot of first-year students who have learned from the experience and will carry it into next year.



correction

In the October 1 article, *Visit the Hospitality Garden*, Ms. Carolyn Skelly's Redirection through Education program was stated as being a joint effort through the Board of Education and the Ministry of Health. That is not correct. It is a joint effort through the Ministry of Education and Training and the Ministry of Health. The Dialog apologizes for the error.

Acing that Interview

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than two months into your probation period and the Microsoft Word expertise you said you had in your answer to "What computer programs do you know well?" really comes into focus, and you just can't seem to dig up the class in Grade 11, or the night school course you took when version 1.01 was released.

A piece of advice I would like to share with you may calm your nerves during that interview: you are in the driver's seat. You have the final say. They offer the job to you. You do have the choice to take it or turn it down. If a potential employer calls you to offer you a position, give yourself a pat on the back. You were the one out of an unknown number of people selected for the job. Also, if you are not sure if you want the job, tell them you need time. There are always situations where an immediate job is crucial to make ends meet, but if you

can afford to wait a day or so to think about it, then do. It's a decision that will affect the rest of your life.

Another thing that no one seems to do, but could almost guarantee you a spot in the interviewer's mind is, ready for this? Smile. Very simple, no rocket science here, just smile. A smile is contagious, like a yawn but better. Have you ever seen someone yawn, then yawn

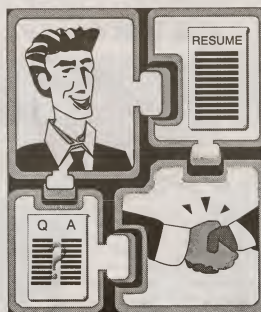
yourself? Now pay attention. When you are smiling, I am sure someone else is

too. A lot of the times in interviews, the interviewer is as nervous as you or tense or stressed out, so offer the natural relaxant of a smile. It makes it a whole new world. I could just be wrapping up a day of 22 interviews and you are number 23, but if you walk in and show me your pearly whites, you will

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He has been motivating and educating audiences across southern Ontario on a multitude of subjects but considers his fields of expertise to be the impact of the electronic age on work environments, resume writing and interviewing skills, attitude and employability, conducting job searches and the many aspects of human resources.

Scott enjoys the contact with live audiences that his speaking engagements afford him and has appeared on television, speaking on career searches and interviewing skills. He can be reached at stratten@netcom.ca.



Mariana Matova

stick out in my mind.

Alice Cooper Plays to a Sold Out House

by George Vajna

Alice Cooper played to a sold-out crowd at Massey Hall on September 29. The intimate atmosphere was the perfect place for the aging rocker, and the only unintentional laugh in the show was Cooper's backing band, which looked like 80s Heavy Metal rejects. The

casual fan may have been disappointed by some of the lesser-known hits, but the crowd here did not seem to mind.

It was nice to hear "Steven," "From the Inside," and the oldie but goodie, "Halo of Flies." There was no lack of hits, though. "I'm 18," "Be My Lover," "Under My Wheels," and "Poison" drove people to their feet. Cooper played a little too much from his latest album,

although "Cleansed by Fire" is a solid rocker. It would have been nicer to hear some of the older songs, but the New Wave and Heavy Metal stages of his career from the 80s were avoided.

The only thing missing from the show was the "show." There were no guillotines and no fake blood, although a boa constrictor made a brief appearance. There were some dancing clowns, but it

was not the same.

It was nice to see that this was not a nostalgia tour, but maybe that was the show's problem. My generation has never witnessed a classic Alice Cooper show, and watching a fake head being chopped off never hurt anyone.

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Fight Club is Violent, But Worth Seeing

another issue? Did you read the last one? Yes, we are talking to you...the students of GBC. We hope that you are paying attention because you will be tested on this. (Another little fact about college that nobody ever tells you!!)

This week, we are reviewing the highly anticipated and highly promoted installment of your favorite hunk of burning love—BRAD PITT. Oh, yeah baby, that means "Fight Club".

Fight Club: starring Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, Helena Bonham-Carter and Meat Loaf.

He said: Can I say to the masses, who depend upon my reviews for movie knowledge, that this movie is worth seeing? Why, yes I can!! "Fight Club" is violent, bloody, and at some times a bit disturbing in its initial premise. But more so, "Fight Club" is deceiving. Just when

you think you might have a clue about the movie, you are side swiped with revelation. Not to sound cryptic or ominous, but I never saw it coming. For me, this makes for a truly enjoyable film.

The basic nature of the film is not a pretty thing. Violence never is. But strong performances from both Brad Pitt and the always-phenomenal Edward Norton keep "Fight Club" from sensationalizing violence. One thing is for sure...I'll never look at testicular cancer or Meat Loaf the same way again.



She said:
I'm a lover, not a fighter. I would hazard a guess to say that he (known in many social circles as "napkin boy") isn't either. In fact, I am a

relatively passive person who has been known to cop a near-faint when simply giving blood. I have never been punched, kicked, head-butted, or stomped on. Lucky me! I guess that's why they didn't try to cast me in this movie.

If you are the least bit squeamish, "Fight Club" is not for you. In one scene, Edward Norton literally beats himself up

and blames it on his boss. Hey, he got 52 free paychecks and a nice computer for his trouble but it is not something "regular" people would advise. In another, Jared Leto (my dream boyfriend who you might have seen in "My So-Called Life") basically has his head punched off by Mr. Norton and let me tell you, in the next few scenes he don't look too good. But "Fight Club" has some very genuine comic moments. I mean, how could you not laugh at a man who attends self-help and support groups as a cure to his insomnia. And Meat Loaf (who I really didn't recognize with those big breasts!) does a really great job in this movie.

I would agree with He that things are not as they appear in this film. That is why we really can't tell you much about it. And I did like it...but I can tell you this...you won't be up for a big meal of hamburger at the end of the night!



A huskie gets into action during Aerobathon

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Have a blast in Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong!

by Shareen Barker

Soon, it will be Christmas break and people will be flocking to warm places in the U.S. and the Caribbean. These places are very nice, but if you have some time and money, why not consider visiting Asia? If you think the U.S. and the Caribbean are exciting and full of cultural intrigue, Asia is even more so!

I worked in Japan from 1992-1995 and in that time, I had a chance to visit other Asian countries. South Korea was really interesting. My trip to Seoul was the first time that I'd travelled by myself outside of Japan, and I could speak some Japanese and English, but no Korean, so I felt a bit nervous initially. But armed with my Lonely Planet Korean guide, I attempted to butcher the Korean language as well as I could, and I did a fine job! I apparently spoke Korean with a Japanese accent and asked for prices in yen instead of American dollars, so people gave me a few sideways glances, perhaps thinking that my blonde hair and blue eyes were really a kabuki mask coverup! People were friendly and tried to help me with directions and so on, but the most helpful were the young men who were doing their mandatory 3-year army service. I got the impression that they were very bored in the army, so they kindly helped me find palaces, subways and restaurants.

Restaurants were interesting! In Japan, they had plastic replicas of the dishes so I could point to what I want, but in Korea, there was nary a replica! So, I pointed to a dish someone was eating, and tried to gesture with my hands and mouth "No hot red pepper" and it seemed

to work. I was very impressed with the Koreans' love of hot pepper. My first dish in Korea was rice and vegetables, mixed with a raw egg and red pepper. The dish was good except I couldn't eat it because they ran out of firemen to put out my mouth! I am a red pepper wimp! So, the next time, I decided to get noodle soup. But, when they brought me my soup, I had a bit of trouble with the stainless steel chopsticks. I picked up the noodles but they slid right off my chopsticks. No matter which angle I held the chopsticks and

noodles, the noodles fell right back into the bowl! It was a very exciting meal! So, next, I decided to try a Korean hamburger at Lotteria, a burger chain. But the sign said the burgers were around 2000 won (the Korean currency). That sounded like I'd be going to the poorhouse for a burger and I thought I'd be back to the steel chopsticks and noodles, but I realized 2000 won was

around 3 dollars, and I was much relieved! If you're in Korea, do try the sweet potato French fries—they're delicious—or "bashi sumnida" as they say in Korean!

Seoul has a lot of beautiful palaces. The names in particular sound so enchanting: Kyongbokkung Palace, Changdokkung Palace and Changgyongkung Palace. The palace grounds are large, with red and green pagodas beside tranquil ponds and tiny islands. The buildings are very elegant and serene, and I could picture Queen Min of the early 1900's strolling about. I

gain with me, so that was kind of fun to see how low a price I could get, while still trying to remember how much the won was worth in yen! There were a lot of inexpensive "Gap" shirts and other brandnames at the outdoor markets, and I was told they were copies, but there were also a lot of expensive designer clothes in the stores, like \$100 Levi jeans! I had a nice time in Seoul and also Pusan, a smaller city. Do check out South Korea if you get a chance. And if you want to make some money, there are quite a few English schools in Korea.

In December, 1994, I went to Taiwan and Hong Kong. I'd just taken a few lessons in Mandarin Chinese so I was determined this time to talk the talk, if not walk the walk. People in Taiwan were so friendly. I've never met such friendly people. At temples and bus stops and wherever, people went out of their way to help me find what I was looking for. And one taxi driver in particular was very friendly. He was around my age, and I asked him some questions in Chinese, and we chatted in broken Chinese and English.

As I was leaving, he asked, "You have dinner with me?" but I declined, and then he

because then you lose time and waste money.

I loved the Buddhist and Confucian temples in Taiwan and Hong Kong. People sat in front of huge piles of fruit that they offered to Buddha and prayed, bowing their heads up and down. Some

people tossed wooden pieces onto the ground and determined their luck. Other people lined up to have temple workers wave incense over their bodies for good luck and prosperity. I too bought some bundles of incense and they told me to stick each bundle in a certain urn in the temple grounds, and I would have good luck. I possibly could have gotten the order wrong, and that could explain the

Chinese Montezuma getting his revenge at me at a roadside stall later in the trip!

Hong Kong's a very exciting place with the tallest skyscrapers I've ever seen soaring into the clouds, bright, energetic malls, and lively outdoor night markets, offering all kinds of fruits and vegetables, with fluorescent pink and hairy and spiky skins, and stalls with live ducks and fish and squid. Hong Kong has a butterfly alley, with pretty butterflies hanging in cages, and Taiwan has a "Snake Alley", with coiling snakes wrapped around customers for a fee. I decided to pass on that tempting offer! If you like candied apples, you might like Taiwan's candied cherry-tomatoes-on-a-stick, kind of like soft candied apples!

Asia's an amazing place to visit or



Girls in traditional dress at Kyongbokkung Palace, Seoul, South Korea



My bronzed buddy and I in Wu Lai, Taiwan



A view of Pusan, South Korea



A golden Buddha at Chuk Lam Shirm Yuen Temple in Hong Kong



A Confucian temple in Taipei, Taiwan

asked for my Chinese book, and perused it and finally said, "You kiss me?" I was very surprised and yelled out, "No, thank you!" as I quickly headed off—that was one VERY friendly Taiwanese! He was kind of good-looking—maybe I should have taken him up on his offer after all!

I found the people in Hong Kong very business-like in comparison with the Taiwanese. They seemed to have no time to chat or smile. They said that in Hong Kong, you must work very hard, and there is no time for chatting

live, and is in many ways totally different from Canada, so you can have a lot of fun and learn so many new things! Teaching English in Asia is a great way to get the financial resources to travel around. When I was teaching English in Japan five years ago, the average salary was 30 or 40,000 Canadian dollars a year, so you can earn enough to go the sightseeing route. But even if you don't want to teach English, don't pass up on the opportunity to visit one of the most fascinating places in the world!

Why are people not born with "work experience?"

by Oleg Kremiansky

We should probably have gained "work experience" while we were learning walking skills or were pronouncing our first comprehensible words. We should have had all this god-damn "3+ years' experience" from the cradle. We should have imbibed it with mother's milk. It would be really much easier than to get hired, I think.

I think... Yeah—I am positive! That was the very first thought that came to my mind after being told again: "We need somebody with solid experience to fill the position you are applying for, sir". Oh, my God! "Why are people not able to fly like birds?" exclaimed in despair one of the characters in a novel by well-known Russian classical author, Anton Tchekov. Why are people not born with "work experience" in hand, preferably with solid ones? I too am asking myself that same question in a kind of despair. What else can I ask when they require experience even for an entry-level position? Is that not crazy?

I like a story that I read in one Toronto-based newspaper on the same issue. The reporter went to Montreal for a holiday. Walking down the street, he noticed a "wanted" ad near the door of a restaurant and stopped. The reporter did not look for employment as a chef, nor did he want to help his relatives get hired at restaurants as waiters or waitresses. He simply was a good reporter whose mind was working even while in a holiday lazy mode.

"We need a dishwasher with 5 years of experience," was stated on the ad. The reporter opened the door and went inside.

"I am afraid you can find people who have 5 years of experience as dish washers only in a madhouse," he told the manager of the restaurant. The guy was furious, of course, by this remark. However, he eventually realized the absurdity of the advertisement and took it away a couple of days later.

I like this story because it tells us how far employers will go with preferring "solid experience" over solid common sense. And you find these sto-

ries everywhere in Toronto. Lack of experience is a serious issue here, isn't it? Not to have Canadian experience at all is a barrier you have to jump over to get hired. Am I right?

Overseas, you can find "solid experience" vs. "lack of experience" issues too. But in Israel, for instance, you usually have no problems whatsoever getting a dishwasher or cashier position. No resume and/or experience is required

for that. Your willingness to accept a minimum wage salary and your ability to do your job properly are often enough.

Here, in Toronto, on the other hand, I once tried to apply for work as a general labourer at a supermarket, to join a team of around 15 guys already employed there.

"No problem," the manager told me.

"Send me your resume. But I want you to know we hire only people with experience. Do you have experience?"

Well, I looked around helplessly.

"Do I need any special training or skills to carry carts and

be extremely insulting? He obviously thought I was a sort of snobbish type, making fun of his important workplace. He thought I didn't have enough respect to do a labourer's job. That's wrong. You are mistaken, sir. I DO have respect for all jobs, as long as people who do them do their best and apply common sense in each situation. I DON'T like it though, when common sense is bluntly overridden by stupid formalities expressed in phrases like "Send us your resume and we will consider your candidacy" when I am talking about a manual job in a supermarket for \$7 an hour. Did I insult him? On the contrary, I

felt sort of hurt when I saw these artificial barriers that I needed to overcome in order to get a low-paid job. Resumes?! Experience?! What for? I would tell them just my name and phone number. They could call me for a trial shift one lucky day, let's say. They could then test me on the spot during my first hour of my work to see whether I grasp everything quickly or not, and to see my physical stamina and mental stability. I felt that supermarket manager did not believe in my ability to quickly learn how to place items on a shelf in order. Not

that I was eager to get hired at a supermarket, but at that time, I needed money as all of us do and I was sure (probably based on my Israeli experience) that it wasn't a big deal to get hired at a supermarket. It's not supposed to be. But, it is a big deal, as I found.

That is a reality and that frustrates me till today. I keep gathering similar stories from all over the place without much pleasure, though, and I



load boxes?" I asked sincerely. He seemed to be a bit insulted.

"Yes," he barked. "Thanks," I barked back. I did not send anything to this place, because my candidature was initially deemed to be unacceptable on the basis of having "lack of experience".

And beyond that I succeeded to irritate my potential employer by...by what? Just a second. What exactly did I tell him that turned out to



Cross Country



On Saturday, September 23, the GBC cross-country team competed in the OCAA (Ontario College Athletic Association) championship. Ten colleges competed at St. Clair College in Windsor.

GBC did an excellent job. Suzette Pleau, who's in the Fitness and Lifestyle Management program, took fourth place in the women's division. Greg Blackler, who's in the For You program, came in sixth place and Jeff Lemon, a student in the Human Service Counsellor program, came in twelfth place in the men's division.

The men's team placed sixth out of ten teams. GBC has seven members on the cross-country team. Congratulations, team! Keep up the great work!

Team Races!



The Shelter Shell Game

by Boni

blaming the homeless for the lack of affordable housing is equivalent to blaming refugees for starting a war. There aren't just a few old skid-row alcoholics in downtown Toronto—by a very conservative estimate, there are 25,000 unsheltered people of every possible description, including children. How can anyone possibly believe that every one of those people are either mentally ill or addicted; if they are (and I would dispute that assertion), then why aren't we—as a society—addressing those issues?

A society cannot be measured by how the wealthy live. If that were the case, then Saudi Arabia and India would be at the top of the list of countries considered by the United Nations to be the best places to live in the world. A society can only be judged by the condition of its most vulnerable members. Even wolves feed and protect the lowest members of the pack.

When certain members of our less-than-esteemed media leaped on the OCAP (Ontario Coalition Against Poverty) Allen Gardens park protest story, the tack was taken that there were enough shelter beds in the city to provide for the protesters. However, did these reporters even bother to count the number of bodies sleeping on Yonge Street as they

passed by in their fancy 4x4's that weekend? How about all of the people camped in other parks, hiding under the bridges and squatting in and behind abandoned buildings? Obviously not—but the statement made saleable copy.

Truly, what is the point of having so many shelters in the first place? Supposedly, the purpose is to have emergency beds available for people with an eye to moving the disenfranchised into permanent housing. Nice

on paper—but not realistic—since there is no permanent affordable housing to move people into. How long can the bureaucrats expect to keep shuffling the homeless from hostel to hostel, then expect the public not to notice, as if they

are street hustlers conning spectators into joining a shell game? I have news for them—the dealer can't con the audience into playing unless there are more walnut shells than marbles. Every gambler knows that the end result is always the same. By using distraction and dexterity, the dealer will eventually palm all the marbles...

Mel blames Mike. Mike blames Jean. Jean blames Mel. Meanwhile, some of the mainstream press are pocketing the palmed marbles for them. Consequently, there are still no constructive policies to provide safe, affordable, permanent housing.



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by George Vajna

Beatles: Yellow Submarine Soundtrack

Yellow Submarine was the weakest album in the Beatles catalog, because it came with the soundtrack written by George Martin. The reissue of *Yellow Submarine* deletes the crappy score, and the album features all the songs that were in the film. Almost all of these songs are available elsewhere (with the exception of the four songs written for the film), but this is still a nice "greatest hits" package. Of the songs included for the film, only "Only a Northern Song" by George Harrison leaves an impact.

GRADE: B+

Pet Shop Boys: Nightlife

Pet Shop Boys reached their peak in 1993 when they released *Very*, not only the best album of that year, but probably the second best album of the decade, after Radiohead's *OK Computer* (their 80s period was no slouch either, as it included *Actually* and *Introspective*). Their last album *Bilingual* was very disappointing, and it is the weakest album of their career. Unfortunately, PSB continue their downward spiral with *Nightlife*. The first two singles, "I Don't Know What You Want But I Can't Give It Anymore" and "New York City Boy" are weak. The album improves upon *Bilingual*, since songs like "Happiness is an Option," "You

Only Tell Me You Love Me When You're Drunk," and "Closer To Heaven" are good, but they do not compare to PSB's heyday. The addition of guitars is a nice touch (who would have thought that a pedal steel gutter would not sound out of place on a PSB album!). PSB



GRADE: C+

David Bowie: hours

Finally a good David Bowie album! For the past 15 years, Bowie has released mediocre albums, his worst period being the three albums he released in the 90s. It was brave

used to only hint at their homosexuality; here they make it perfectly obvious (they might want to use the title **OBVIOUSLY** as their next album title). "New Your City Boy" and "Denial," a nice duet with Kylie Minogue, are the most blatant.

of Bowie to experiment with Electronica and Drum and Bass on *Outside* and *Earthling*, but those styles did not suit him. He finally smartened up and released an album that winks at his past (the good part of it). "Thursday's Child" is one of the nicest songs he has written in

years. Even though "Something in the Air" rips its guitar riff off from U2, it still sounds great. "If I'm Dreaming My Life" is also a highlight. The only song out of place on this mellow set is the rocker "The Pretty Things Are Going To Hell." Welcome back Ziggy Stardust, we really missed ya.

GRADE: B

Nine Inch Nails: The Fragile

It has been five long years since the last NIN album, and it has to be said that Trent Reznor is one of the most influential people of the nineties, but as the millenium approaches, Reznor has done "nothing" (heh, heh) to update his (now dated) sound. His sound has changed "nothing" since *Pretty Hate Machine*, and it still sounds like he is hunched up by the computer in his basement, using his decade-old sequencing equipment. "We're in This Together" and the title track are great, "Just Like You Imagined" is a rocking instrumental, and "The Great Below" is a nice mellow song. But the album has too many songs, as most of the second disk is weak. Reznor should not have released a double album, since "The Day The Whole World Went Away" is a copy of "Head Like A Hole," and it's sad that one of the best songs on his album is a rip off of himself.

GRADE: C+

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